

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



August 10, 1999

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-52

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ICPC LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICES
ALL ADOPTION FIELD OFFICES

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION AWARDED TO:
(1) RITE OF PASSAGE (EXCEPT REMOTE TREATMENT CAMPUS)
(2) HERITAGE SCHOOLS, INC.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law of Regulations Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

(1) RITE OF PASSAGE

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et. al., Rite of Passage (ROP) (except the Remote Treatment Campus) was officially certified effective July 13, 1999, as meeting California group home licensing standards. Therefore, counties may use federal, state and local funds for children placed in this facility effective with the certification date listed above. This approval is contingent upon full implementation of ROP's plan of correction. Counties will be notified of any changes to ROP's certification status. Should placing agencies desire a copy of the California Department of Social Services' review and ROP's plan of correction, please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, Out-of-State Certification Unit, at (916) 229-4500.

Waivers have been granted for the use of school and athletic uniforms and special event clothing; bunk beds; comparable shelving space in lieu of drawers; and more than two youth to a bedroom provided the Washoe Tribal Council, Piaute Tribal Council and/or State of Nevada licensing requirements regarding bedroom space are maintained.

Certification will be reviewed annually.

(2) HERITAGE SCHOOLS, INC.

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et. al., Heritage Schools, Inc. was officially certified effective June 23, 1999 as meeting California group home licensing standards. Therefore, counties may use federal, state and local funds for children placed in this facility effective with the certification date listed above. This approval is contingent upon full implementation of Heritage Schools, Inc.'s plan of correction. Counties will be notified of any changes to Heritage's certification status.

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The Out-of-State Certification Team will conduct a visit in three to six months to verify implementation of their plan of correction. Should placing agencies desire a copy of the California Department of Social Services' review and Heritage's plan of correction, please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, Out-of-State Certification Unit, at (916) 229-4500.

Waivers have been granted for the use of bunk beds, comparable shelving space in lieu of drawers, and more than two youth to a bedroom provided compliance is maintained with the Utah Department of Human Services licensing requirements regarding bedroom space.

Certification will be reviewed annually.

CONCLUSION

Children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and placed pursuant to California Government Code Section 7570 et. al., are not impacted by the certification process.

Attached for your convenience is a revised "Authorized Pending Certification" list. Should you desire additional information, please telephone Ms. Marika Wolf, Deputy Compact Administrator and Manager, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit, at (916) 323-1000.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by Del Sayles-Owen
on August 10, 1999*

DEL SAYLES-OWEN
Acting Deputy Director and
Compact Administrator

Attachment

c: CWDA
CPOC
Judicial Council

**OUT-OF-STATE
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES THAT ARE
“AUTHORIZED
PENDING CERTIFICATION”**

Updated August 3, 1999

- Azelway (Texas)
- Chileda Institute (Wisconsin)
- Children’s Home of Detroit (Michigan)
- Christie School (Oregon)
- Church of God Children’s Home (North Carolina)
- Cinnamon Hills (Utah)
- Devereux (*Victoria*, Texas)
- Excelsior (Colorado)
- Glen Mills (Pennsylvania)
- **Heritage (certified effective June 23, 1999)**
- Nashua Child Center (New Hampshire)
- New Hope Treatment Centers (South Carolina)
- Normative Services (Wyoming)
- Prairie Learning Center (North Dakota)
- Raindancer Youth Services (Utah)
- **Rite of Passage--except the Remote Treatment Campus, (Nevada)—certified effective July 13, 1999**
- Vision Quest (Arizona)